

§ 1505. Obstruction of proceedings before departments, agencies, and committees

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 201 of this title; title 29 section 1111.

§ 1510. Obstruction of criminal investigations

[See main edition for text of (a)]

(b)(1) Whoever, being an officer of a financial institution, with the intent to obstruct a judicial proceeding, directly or indirectly notifies any other person about the existence or contents of a subpoena for records of that financial institution, or information that has been furnished to the grand jury in response to that subpoena, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than 5 years, or both.

(2) Whoever, being an officer of a financial institution, directly or indirectly notifies—

(A) a customer of that financial institution whose records are sought by a grand jury subpoena; or

(B) any other person named in that subpoena;

about the existence or contents of that subpoena or information that has been furnished to the grand jury in response to that subpoena, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

(3) As used in this subsection—

(A) the term “an officer of a financial institution” means an officer, director, partner, employee, agent, or attorney of or for a financial institution; and

(B) the term “subpoena for records” means a Federal grand jury subpoena for customer records that has been served relating to a violation of, or a conspiracy to violate—

(i) section 215, 656, 657, 1005, 1006, 1007, 1014, 1344, 1956, 1957, or chapter 53 of title 31; or

(ii) section 1341 or 1343 affecting a financial institution.

(c) As used in this section, the term “criminal investigator” means any individual duly authorized by a department, agency, or armed force of the United States to conduct or engage in investigations of or prosecutions for violations of the criminal laws of the United States.

(As amended Pub. L. 101-73, title IX, § 962(c), Aug. 9, 1989, 103 Stat. 502; Pub. L. 102-550, title XV, § 1528, Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 4065.)

AMENDMENTS

1992—Subsec. (b)(3)(B)(i). Pub. L. 102-550 substituted “1344, 1956, 1957, or chapter 53 of title 31” for “or 1344”.

1989—Subsecs. (b), (c). Pub. L. 101-73 added subsec. (b) and redesignated former subsec. (b) as (c).

§ 1512. Tampering with a witness, victim, or an informant

CHANGE OF NAME

Reference to United States magistrate or to magistrate deemed to refer to United States magistrate judge pursuant to section 321 of Pub. L. 101-650, set out as a note under section 631 of Title 28, Judiciary and Judicial Procedure.

§ 1515. Definitions for certain provisions; general provision

(a) As used in sections 1512 and 1513 of this title and in this section—

(1) the term “official proceeding” means—

(A) a proceeding before a judge or court of the United States, a United States magistrate, a bankruptcy judge, a judge of the United States Tax Court, a special trial judge of the Tax Court, a judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, or a Federal grand jury;

[See main edition for text of (B) and (C), (2) to (6); (b)]

(As amended Pub. L. 102-572, title IX, § 902(b)(1), Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4516.)

AMENDMENTS

1992—Subsec. (a)(1)(A). Pub. L. 102-572 substituted “United States Court of Federal Claims” for “United States Claims Court”.

CHANGE OF NAME

Reference to United States magistrate or to magistrate deemed to refer to United States magistrate judge pursuant to section 321 of Pub. L. 101-650, set out as a note under section 631 of Title 28, Judiciary and Judicial Procedure.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1992 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 102-572 effective Oct. 29, 1992, see section 911 of Pub. L. 102-572, set out as a note under section 171 of Title 28, Judiciary and Judicial Procedure.

§ 1517. Obstructing examination of financial institution

Whoever corruptly obstructs or attempts to obstruct any examination of a financial institution by an agency of the United States with jurisdiction to conduct an examination of such financial institution shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 5 years, or both.

(Added Pub. L. 101-647, title XXV, § 2503(a), Nov. 29, 1990, 104 Stat. 4861.)

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in title 12 sections 4204, 4224.

CHAPTER 75—PASSPORTS AND VISAS

§ 1541. Issuance without authority

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 3291 of this title.

§ 1542. False statement in application and use of passport

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 14, 1717, 3291 of this title.

§ 1543. Forgery or false use of passport

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 14, 1717, 3291 of this title.

§ 1544. Misuse of passport**SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS**

This section is referred to in sections 14, 1717, 3291 of this title.

§ 1546. Fraud and misuse of visas, permits, and other documents

(a) [See main edition for text of first to fourth pars.]

Shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than five years, or both.

[See main edition for text of (b) and (c)]

(As amended Nov. 29, 1990, Pub. L. 101-647, title XXXV, § 3550, 104 Stat. 4926.)

AMENDMENTS

1990—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 101-647, which directed substitution of "Shall be fined under this title" for "Shall be fined not more than in accordance with this title", was executed by making the substitution for "Shall be fined in accordance with this title" in concluding par. to reflect the probable intent of Congress and the intervening amendment by Pub. L. 99-603, as amended by Pub. L. 100-525. See 1988 and 1986 Amendment notes below.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 14 of this title; title 8 sections 1251, 1324a.

CHAPTER 79—PERJURY**§ 1623. False declarations before grand jury or court****SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS**

This section is referred to in title 7 section 12a.

CHAPTER 81—PIRACY AND PRIVATEERING**§ 1657. Corruption of seamen and confederating with pirates**

[See main edition for text]

(As amended Nov. 29, 1990, Pub. L. 101-647, title XXV, § 2527(b), 104 Stat. 4877.)

AMENDMENTS

1990—Pub. L. 101-647, which directed insertion of "section 11, 12, or 13 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act" after "consideration of any action brought under", could not be executed because the words "consideration of any action brought under" did not appear.

CHAPTER 83—POSTAL SERVICE

Sec.

[1714. Repealed.]
1717. Letters and writings as nonmailable.
[1718. Repealed.]

AMENDMENTS

1990—Pub. L. 101-647, title XII, § 1210(b), (c), title XXXV, § 3552(b), Nov. 29, 1990, 104 Stat. 4832, 4926, struck out item 1714 "Foreign divorce information as nonmailable", struck out "; opening letters" after "nonmailable" in item 1717, and struck out item 1718 "Libelous matter on wrappers or envelopes".

§ 1708. Theft or receipt of stolen mail matter generally**SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS**

This section is referred to in section 1956 of this title; title 39 section 1008.

[§ 1714. Repealed. Pub. L. 101-647, title XII, § 1210(b), Nov. 29, 1990, 104 Stat. 4832]

Section, act June 25, 1948, ch. 645, 62 Stat. 781, provided that certain foreign divorce information was nonmailable.

§ 1716A. Nonmailable locksmithing devices and motor vehicle master keys

(a) Whoever knowingly deposits for mailing or delivery, or knowingly causes to be delivered by mail according to the direction thereon, or at any place to which it is directed to be delivered by the person to whom it is addressed, any matter declared to be nonmailable by section 3002 of title 39, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

[See main edition for text of (b)]

(As amended Pub. L. 101-647, title XXXV, § 3551, Nov. 29, 1990, 104 Stat. 4926.)

AMENDMENTS

1990—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 101-647 substituted "shall be fined under this title or" for "shall be under this title".

§ 1716B. Nonmailable plants**EFFECTIVE DATE**

Section effective Oct. 31, 1989, see section 4 of Pub. L. 100-574, set out as a note under section 3014 of Title 39, Postal Service.

§ 1716C. Forged agricultural certifications**EFFECTIVE DATE**

Section effective Oct. 31, 1989, see section 4 of Pub. L. 100-574, set out as a note under section 3014 of Title 39, Postal Service.

§ 1717. Letters and writings as nonmailable

[See main edition for text]

(As amended Nov. 29, 1990, Pub. L. 101-647, title XXXV, § 3552(a), 104 Stat. 4926.)

AMENDMENTS

1990—Pub. L. 101-647 struck out "; opening letters" after "nonmailable" in section catchline.

[§ 1718. Repealed. Pub. L. 101-647, title XII, § 1210(c), Nov. 29, 1990, 104 Stat. 4832]

Section, acts June 25, 1948, ch. 645, 62 Stat. 782; Aug. 12, 1970, Pub. L. 91-375, § 6(j)(28), 84 Stat. 780, provided that libelous matter on wrappers or envelopes was nonmailable.

§ 1730. Uniforms of carriers

[See main edition for text of first par.]

The provisions of the preceding paragraph shall not apply to an actor or actress in a theatrical, television, or motion-picture production who wears the uniform or badge of the letter-carrier branch of the Postal Service while portraying a member of that service.

(As amended Nov. 29, 1990, Pub. L. 101-647, title XII, § 1210(a), 104 Stat. 4832.)